

A New Formula for Learning

A + B = C

Conservation education is a high priority of conservation districts. Let us help you with the "formula" that will increase your students' awareness of natural resource issues. Students can develop critical thinking and problem solving skills needed to make informed and responsible decisions.

Appreciation of the interrelationships and interdependencies between all living organisms on earth is one of the first steps in introducing children to the world around them.

Behavior changes are the reflection of the acquired knowledge and skills gained through experiences and activities.

Conservation of the natural resources is the ultimate desired result.

Appreciation + **B**ehavior = **C**onservation

*In the end, we will conserve only what we love...
We will love only what we understand...
We will understand only what we are taught.*

Chinese philosopher Lao-Tzu

Conservation Districts Are Teacher's Pets

Educators can call on conservation districts any time for assistance in teaching conservation/environmental issues for all grade levels. Conservation districts offer various programs and resources such as:

- educational tools
- field trips
- outdoor classroom development
- printed materials
- school presentations
- scholarships for educators and students
- student contests
- videos & interactive CD's

Contact your county conservation district for program availability.

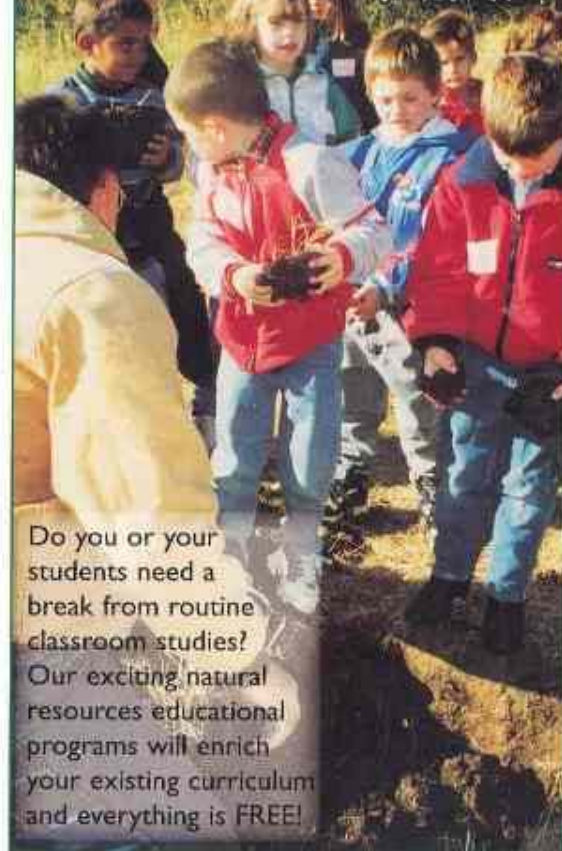


For quick access to telephone listings go to the State Conservation Commission website at www.ink.org/public/kscc and click on "Conservation Districts" or call 785.296.3600.

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Make Learning Fun!



Do you or your students need a break from routine classroom studies? Our exciting natural resources educational programs will enrich your existing curriculum and everything is FREE!

**If you haven't checked out
what your county conservation
district has to offer...
It's way overdue!**



Kansas Conservation Districts Make the Grade

For over 50 years, the 105 conservation districts in Kansas have been excelling in assisting citizens in reducing soil erosion, improving water quality, enhancing wildlife habitat, and implementing other related activities. All of these efforts contribute to improving and sustaining life on earth. A vital part of this endeavor involves informing and educating residents to understand the need to protect our valuable natural resources and take appropriate actions.

Who We Are

Conservation districts...

- ✓ subdivisions of state government, governed by a board of five elected supervisors
- ✓ the only local unit of government charged with the protection and conservation of soil, water, and related resources within the county boundary
- ✓ partners with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and other local, state, and federal entities in delivering

Moving to the Head of the Class with Hands-On Activities

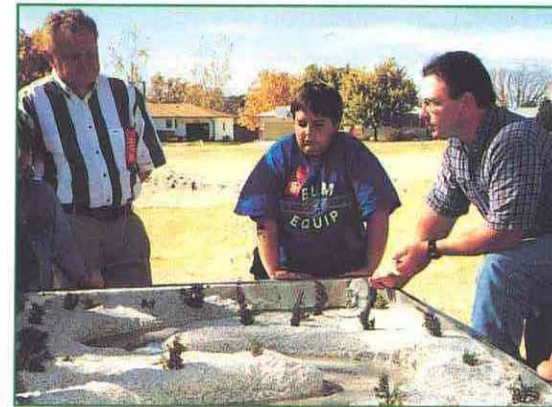
Student Contests

Poster, Essay, and Limerick Contests provide students with an opportunity to express their creativity and knowledge on various conservation topics. Winning entries are recognized at the county level, and the first place winners compete at the state level. Champion posters are forwarded to the national competition.

Many conservation districts offer **Speech Contests** for high school-aged students. Every year a new topic is selected for students to research and develop their speeches. Area winners advance to state competition to vie for college scholarships.

The **Environthon** is an exciting, challenging competition for high school-aged students to learn about the environment. It combines in-class curriculum with hands-on field experiences in soils, aquatics, wildlife, forestry, and a current environmental issue. A team of five students competes with other county teams. County champions move up to the state competition to compete against the top teams from across the United States and Canada. Previously, Kansas teams

Stream Model Trailer



The sensational Stream Model Trailer simulates stream dynamics. This powerful demonstration re-creates streambank erosion and illustrates solutions to protect water quality.

EnviroScape



This unique, interactive learning tool helps people make a visual connection between land use and water quality. Students can see how people's actions may impact